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Applicants: Dale Malik

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For: **METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR USING THE PUBLIC
SWITCHED TELEPHONE NETWORK TO CONDUCT A
TRANSACTION BETWEEN CUSTOMER ACCOUNTS**

Assistant Director for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicant petitions that the period for response to the Office Action, mailed on July 18, 2000, in connection with the above-identified application, be extended for three months, to and including January 18, 2001. The appropriate fee in the amount of \$890.00 for this extension for a large entity under 37 C.F.R. 1.17 accompanies this petition together with Applicant's Amendment.

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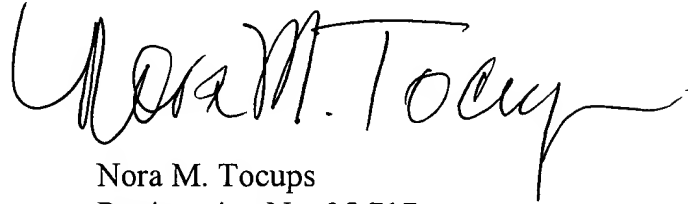
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I hereby certify that this correspondence, along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed, is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on this 18th day of January 2001 with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

Charles A. Smith

The Director is authorized to charge any additional fees which may be due for this Petition, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-0855.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nora M. Tocups". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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